GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1247
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VIOLATION OF RADIATION SAHETY NORMS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some nuclear medicine centres have been found violating various radiation safety norms;

(b) if so, the number of such medicine centres found violating the safety norms; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ST THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MOS IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) S.B. MOOKHERJEE:

(a) Yes, Sir. As a part of its regulatory function the staff of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board inspects nuclear medicine facilities located in different parts of the country. These inspections reveal at times that some institutions are violating safety norms.

(b) & (c) From April 2002 till November 2003, AERB found that 12 institutions out of the 27 inspected violatedsome of the safety norms.

Based on the inspection reports, AERB issued show cause notices to these institutions before enforcing regulatory restrictions which included suspension of authorisation to produce radioactive material. AERB also directed someinstitutions to obtain approval for the modified layout. AERB asked some institutions to appoint RadiologicalSafety Officers. The institutions were allowed to restart work only after the required safety measures were implemented.